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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.56 and 37 CFR §1.97

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56. A copy of each listed document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove as a competent reference any document which is determined to be a <u>prima facie</u> prior art reference against the claims of the present application.

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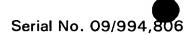
## TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-identified application.

## RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Documents A1 and A2 are United States patents believed to be relevant to the present application. Documents A5 and A6 are Japanese references with along with English language abstracts, believed to be related to documents A1 and A2 and thus also relevant. The relevance of documents A3 and A9 is described in the specification of the present application.

Documents A4, A7 and A8 are Japanese applications with translated English language abstracts. These references are in the same general area of technology as the present application. No English language equivalent was found. To the extent the specific relevance of these documents is not found in the English abstract, Applicant will submit a supplemental statement describing the same.



Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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